

Friends of Multi Arts Center – Board Meeting

June 10, 2013

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In Attendance

Jason Wallace, Valerie Bloodgood, Claire Zevnik, Judy Ramsey, Judy Laine, Bill Miller, Gayle Hiner, Chris Ramsay, Bonnie Hammond, Connie Geresi, Sissy Osteen.

Excused Absences

Denise Ferrell, Katie Arroyo, Kathy McKean, Gayla Foster, Jacquie Savage.

Meeting started at 6:02pm.

Guest

Victoria Rowe Berry – Director of OSU Postal Plaza Gallery

- Discussed how we can work together. (Plaza opens Tuesday, October 8, 2013.)
- Multi Arts Center has “classroom space”, while the Postal Plaza has “social space”.
- Postal Plaza will avoid planning events and programs which overlap with artistic events around town (Multi Arts Center, OSU Gardiner Gallery, and events by local groups)
- Postal Plaza may seek our assistance with search committee for employees.
- Discussed potential combined programs, example: Artist in Residence, Multi Arts Center retail space displaying supplemental pieces along with an exhibit at the Postal Plaza.

Motions Approved

- \$250 budget request for informal luncheon at the Membership Meeting later in July.

Treasurer’s Report

- (Bonnie will bring it next month.)

Director’s Report (Bill Miller)

- Staff updates:
 - Leslie is no longer working here. Lebanos’ work study will expire “sometime soon”.
 - New employees: Trish Gibbs and Lisa Fowler.
- Seeking donations for Garage Sale.
- One Year Anniversary: July 20. 10:am-2:pm
 - Lots of activities planned: Creating t-shirts with the new logo, painting, movie workshop, glass classes, Buck Dollarhide, Fiber Guild, face painting, food in the kitchen.
- Fire Marshal inspection:

- sprinkler system is out of date, and is requiring an update.
- The exterior doors of the building will be re-keyed. (Locks have not been changed since the creation of the building).
- Gallery sold \$346.99 June 2013.
- Classes:
 - 16 classes have 'made'
 - 68 classes have been canceled.
 - 57 classes have completed.
- Whitney Presley from Protique PR will promote Multi online (Facebook , Twitter, Pinterest, etc.)
- Chris Ramsey asked about the number of classes which made vs canceled.
 - Bonnie suggested that at the end of the year, we analyze why certain classes did not make, and how we can address this in the future.

Membership Report (Claire Zevnik)

- We have one new member!
- 63 members (possibly)

Gallery (Connie Geresi)

- Discussed a Mask Exhibit for October.
- Decided on retro theme for holiday gift gallery.
- Discussed policy, without altering it. Had a problem with items not being juried "fast enough".

Fundraising and Grants (Katie Arroyo, by phone)

- In Progress: Oklahoma Arts Council Grant.
- City has agreed to investigate upgrading the glass blowing facility (latest estimate \$30,000)

Web (Jason Wallace)

- Created accounts for both Bill Miller and Trish Gibbs on our Wordpress site.
- Shared the admin account for 1&1 Hosting with Bill and Trish.
- Since there was a security discussion, and our free account is limited to 2GB size limitation, we provided a list of alternatives to Dropbox.

Bylaws (Judy Ramsey)

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Events (Sissy Osteen)

- Seeking \$250 for "Hot Dog Event" Informal Luncheon for the upcoming membership event. Motion carried.

Public Relations (Valerie Bloodgood)

- (Nothing to add)

Old Business

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New Business

- Bill discussed “Basket Campaign Program”
- Monday night 5:30pm, presentation to city council.
- Seeking Maintenance Endowment for glass blowing facility. We will find as many glass blowers as we can.
- Policies and Procedures – we would like to create “Affiliated Status”
 - Local art organizations could meet here on a monthly basis without paying a fee, provided:
 - That at least some percentage of (or all) members are also a member of Friends.
 - They clean up after themselves
 - They reimburse us by offering classes, donations, etc.
 - They are subject to our existing schedule.
 - We will need to define “Local Art Organizations”, since most local groups don’t have 501(c)3 status.

Next Meeting August 14. Meeting adjourned 7:59pm.